

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3247

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, SA, UV

SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN AID TO UPPER VOLTA

REF: 76 NIAMEY 3823

1. SAUDI REP AL-RACHACH VISITED OUAGADOUGOU FEBRUARY 8-12 TO FINALIZE SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR WHICH GOUV HAS ASKED SAUDI FINANCING. HE SAW PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTERS OF FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, PLAN, COMMERCE AND MINES, AND HEALTH. IT IS NOW EXPECTED THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA WILL GO TO JIDDA LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL TO PRESENT PROJECTS OFFICIALLY TO SAG.

2. FIGURES GIVEN TO US BY AL-RACHACH ON THE AMOUNT OF FINANCING REQUESTED CORRESPOND ROUGHLY TO THOSE CONTAINED REFTTEL. ALTHOUGH AL-RACHACH IS HARD TO PIN DOWN AND TENDS TO BE VAGUE ON SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES, FINANCING  
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REQUESTED BY GOUV APPEARS TO BE ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS:

(A) TAMBO RAILRTAD: \$20 MILLION

(?) TAMBAO MINE: \$3.4 MILLION

(C) ROAD FROM FADA TO NIGER BORDER: \$13.28 MILLION

(D) MEDICAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT: \$4 MILLION.

3. IN ADDITION, A DISPENSARY, A LIBRARY AND A SCHOOL  
WILL BE BUILT FOR THE MOSLEM COMMUNITY OF OUAGADOUGOU

FROM KING KHALED'S PERSONAL FUNDS. BECAUSE THIS INVOLVES  
THE KING'S OWN FINANCES, AL-RACHACH WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS  
THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED.

4. WHILE IN OUAGA, AL-RACHACH ALSO SOUNDED OUT GOUV  
AUTHORITIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITING UNSKILLED  
LABOR TO WORK IN SAUDI ARABIA. HE SAID THAT SEVERAL  
SAUDI ENTREPRENEURS HAD ASKED HIM TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION  
BECAUSE THEY HAD HEARD THAT VOLTAN LABORERS WERE HARD-WORKING  
TYPES AND THAT THERE WAS UNDEREMPLOYMENT IN UPPER VOLTA.  
THE VOLTAN REACTION WAS REPORTEDLY "CAUTIOUSLY  
POSITIVE." ALTHOUGH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT  
TO GET INVOLVED IN SUCH MATTERS, AL RACHACH WILL RECOMMEND  
THAT THE SAUDI ENTREPRENRUS SEND A MISSION HERE TO  
BEGIN RECRUITING.

GRAHAM

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